Passes Alabama Bar

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Howard Graduate Joins Ala. Bar

Birmingham, Ala. — Orzell Billingsley Jr., 26-year-old lawyer, has been admitted to the Alabama State Bar. He is the seventh colored lawyer in Alabama.

In 1942 he was graduated from Parker High School, moved onto Talladega College, where he earned an A.B. degree in 1946 and in 1950 earned a law degree at Howard University. He is a member of the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity.

Since returning from Howard's Law School, Mr. Billingsley has worked as a clerk in the law offices of Arthur D. Shores. He will remain with this office as a practicing Attorney. Other lawyers associated with Shores are Peter Hall and David Hood Jr.

Other Lawyers

Other lawyers in the city are, Oscar W. Adams Jr., and Philander Butler. Charles V. Hendley, has his law offices in Huntville.

Six of the seven colored lawyers in Alabama are located in Birmingham, woman attorney, M. Ashley Dickerson, is in Montgomery.

JEANNETTA WELCH BROWN

She's a Leader Of Women

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it was Jeannetta who in a stirring speech at the Golden Jubilee celebration of the National Association of Colored Women meeting in Washington, D. C., in 1946, spurred the women to march on the White House in protest of the lynching of four Negroes in Georgia that year.

While in Detroit, Mrs. Brown took an active part in politics. She ran for the Michigan State Legislature and only lost by a small majority of votes.

A member of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Jeannetta numbers among her affiliations, membership in a number of national organizations.—Garland.

When you think of young women with ability, you can't help thinking of Jeannetta Welch Brown. Not only does she have that certain something that stamps her as a leader among women, but she has that rare something for making women want to follow her.

There is no need to delve into Jeannetta Welch Brown's background and attempt to explain just who she is, for women all over the country know her as the executive director of the National Council of Negro Women, Inc., a position she held for almost four years and only recently resigned when her health didn't permit her to continue.

Before taking over the NCNW post, Mrs. Brown headed the Detroit Association of Colored Women's Clubs in the Motor City. A regular dynamo,

William Bryant Appointed District Attorney's Aide

WILLIAM B. BRYANT

WASHINGTON

The coveted post in the District Attorney,s office sought by at least 11 local lawyers was given on Monday to William B. Bryant, 40, of 1903 Kenilworth Ave., N.E., a member of the law firm of William and Bryant.

Mr. Bryant, who has been residing in the District since he was 11 months old, admitted that his appointment as assistant district attorney came as a "surprise." He was assigned immediately to the Municipal Court.

Although he applied for the post, he felt that his lack of religious and fraternal connections would hamper his opportunity to land the vacancy, created last November by the elevation of Judge Andrew Howard to the Municipal Court bench.

Howard Law Graduate

A graduate of Dunbar High School, Mr. Bryant received his B.A. degree at Howard University in 1932 and graduated from the Howard Law School in 1936.

During World War II, he served in the European Theatre of Operations attached to headquarters in Paris, and was discharged as a lieutenant colonel.

Prior to his Army service, he served (1939-1940) as research assistant to Dr. Ralph J. Bunche on the staff of Gunnar Myrdal gathering information for Mr. Myrdal's book, "The American Dilemma."

Passed Bar in 1948

He worked in the groups and organization section of the office of War Information from 1942 until he entered the Army in 1943.

Mr. Bryant passed the District Bar examination in June, 1948, and last year taught several courses at the Howard Law School.

His wife is Mrs. Astaire Bryant and they have two children, a girl, Astaire, 2 years, and a boy, William B. Jr., 14 months.

Other Aspirants

Among those who were prominently mentioned for the post landed by Mr. Bryant were Ben Amos, George Parks, Theophilus Jones and Ralph Holland.

It is believed that another colored attorney will be appointed to the staff of District Attorney George Morris Fay.

Present DC Attorney With Fraternity's Highest Honor

WASHINGTON, D. C. — (NNPA) — George E. C. Hayes, a lawyer, last Sunday was presented the Laurel Wreath, the highest achievement award of the Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity.

The presentation was made by Dr. W. Henry Greene, eastern provincial polemarch of the fraternity at a public meeting in Andrew Rankin Memorial Chapter at Howard University, bringing to a close the three-day eastern provincial meeting of the Kappas.

In accepting the award, Mr. Hayes refrained from making a speech, but in a few brief remarks he thanked the members of the fraternity for "this very fine award."

"It is true it is a coveted prize," said Mr. Hayes, "I shall only hope that I may deserve this wreath. I shall always wear it, you may be assured, mindful of the distinction it brings, and mindful that it is an emblem coming from what we modestly believe is the greatest fraternity in the country."

Mr. Hayes, a hard worker engaged in the general practice of the law is one of thirteen members of the fraternity who have been recipients of the award in the forty-one years of the history of the organization.

The other recipients include C. C. Spaulding, president of the North Carolina Mutual Life Insurance Co. Archie Alexander, of Des Moines, an engineer; Earl B. Dickerson, of Chicago, a lawyer; J. Ernest Wilkinson, also of Chicago, another lawyer; Andrew Leon Ransom, of Washington, who appeared as counsel for the defendants in the Columbia, Tennessee, riot case, and Judge Armond W. Scott of the Municipal Court of the District of Columbia.

Mr. Hayes was born in Richmond about fifty-five years ago. (Dr. Greene, in reading Mr. Hayes' record of achievements, refrained from giving the date of his birth). He was married to Miss Louise Adams, a public school teacher here in 1924.

HARVARD LAW GRADUATE - Awarded the L.L.B. degree from Harvard University Law School at institution's 300th commencement exercises was William C. Gardner of Washington, D. C. Gardner, who plans to practice in the nation's capitol, is the husband of the former Ora Dowling, also of Washington.

California

Wife Threatens Bombshell In Gordon Divorce Suit

Defender Sat. 3-3-51

LOS ANGELES — Talk of a sensational legal battle over property settlements in the divorce case of Atty. and Mrs. Walter L. Gordon, Jr., was subdued last week in Mrs. Ethel Sissle Gordon's pre-trial statement to the Defender.

The former Cotton Club beauty hinted that she would answer her husband's suit with a bombshell of charges if the case comes up for public hearing.

ATTY. WALTER GORDON

MRS. WALTER GORDON

"I am not worried about property settlements," she said. "This matter will never reach the courts. Walter knows he cannot afford to let this case go to court."

The thrice - married criminal lawyer charged his wife with cruelty. They were married following a running battle for the custody of two children born to Mrs. Gordon when she was married to Bandleader Noble Sissle. The children were recently turned over to the custody of their father.

Gordon has three children of his own by a former wife. A supreme court recently awarded the children and their mother a large slice of Gordon's estate.

Two years ago Atty. Gordon's parents were slain and their bodies tossed into a bathtub. Their deaths left Gordon sole beneficiary of an estate estimated at a quarter of a million dollars.

A will which Ann, his second wife, said provided for their three children was never found.

ATLANTA ROUND-UP

BY JULIA M. RIVERS

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Atlanta, Ga. — Miss Doris Ada Blayton, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Blayton, Sr. was among fifty-two men and women admitted to the bar during induction ceremonies, Saturday morning, February 17 in Fulton County Superior Court. Miss Blayton is Business Manager and member of the faculty of the Blayton School of Accounting.

The young barristers were sworn in by Superior Court Judge Ralph H. Pharr, after being administered the oath by Chief Clerk J. W. Simmons, thereby being duly licensed to practice law in all the courts of the State, except the Supreme Court and Courts of Appeals of Georgia.

Miss Blayton is a graduate of Spelman College in the class of '43. She did advance work in Business Administration at Chicago University, and after graduating from the John Marshall Law School, Chicago on June 19, 1950, passed the State of Illinois Bar in June 1950. Miss Blayton plans to open an office to practice law.

MRS VEIDA WELCOME, charming wife of Henry C. Welcome of Baltimore, Maryland is the houseguest of Mrs. Mabel Hawk of Lena street. Mrs. Welcome is one of the regional directors of the National Council of Negro Women as is Mrs. Hawk. Before coming to Atlanta, Mrs. Welcome visited in Montgomery and Tuskegee enroute from Jacksonville where she attended the executive board meeting of the Auviliary to the Medical Association. Mrs. Hawk entertained with a dinner party in her honor and included Mrs. Lucile Scott who had recently attended the Cotillion Ball at which time Mrs. Welcome was also a member of the guard of honor. Mrs. Welcome was also guest at an informal dinner of the American Cancer Society and at a delightful and charming party by Mrs. Mraque Jackson on Friday.

Ethel Wardell Wins Speaking Contest

The American Legion Oratorical contest under local sponsorship of Post 508 on Friday night, February 16 was won by Miss Ethel Wardell of David T. Howard High School. This contest was given for the purpose of elimination of North Georgia contestants and included students from schools at Canton, Gainesville, Buford and Atlanta. It was held at the USO center on Hunter street. Miss Wardell a previous oratorical contest winner, will go next to Macon, where she will participate in the South Georgia elimination contest.

MISS ROSYLN C. RICHARDSON head of the Department of Romance Languages at Bluefield State College, Bluefield, West Virginia, is the houseguest of the G. T. Alexanders on Hunter Road. Miss Richardson is a graduate of Shaw University and the University of Iowa.

A group of school chums began their second year of organization by adding two new members. It is Club Acacia and their new members are Mrs. Evelyn Gullatte Lewis and Miss Louise Thomas. Mrs. Mable Mitchell Green was elected to serve the group as president for the year while other officers and members include Mesdames Mildred W. Jackson, Melba McKinner, Lucile W. Neely, Addie H. Pitts, Misses; Hilman Green and Rosa Wyatt.

Bernice Brown spent last weekend at Camp Lee, Virginia with her husband Lt. John Brown.

MR. D. L. HOLLOWELL

Atlantan To Receive Juris Doctor Degree — Mr. Donald L. Hollowell of 50 Randolph Street, N. E., will receive the law degree of Juris Doctor from Loyola University, Chicago, Illinois, June 10th. Mr. Hollowell holds an A. B. degree from Lane College having graduated with honors. He was also an all round athlete at Lane during the days when Mr. E. J. "Ox" Clemons, present head coach at Morris Brown College was coaching at Lane.

Mr. Hollowell is among other things, a captain in the Army Reserve Corps and is married to the former Miss Louise Thornton, English instructor at Morris Brown College. He hopes to begin practice next year after passing the bar.

ATTORNEY CASSANDRA MAXWELL has opened law offices on the Westside, 864 Hunter Street, S. W., Rooms E. & G. She hails from Orangeburg, S. C., and was the first Negro woman lawyer to be admitted to the bar in that state. She practiced law there for ten years and was a professor at the South Carolina State College School of Law for three years. She won quite a bit of recognition in winning the case of Rev. F. G. Dubois versus the Southern Railroad Company. She was admitted to the Georgia bar in July.

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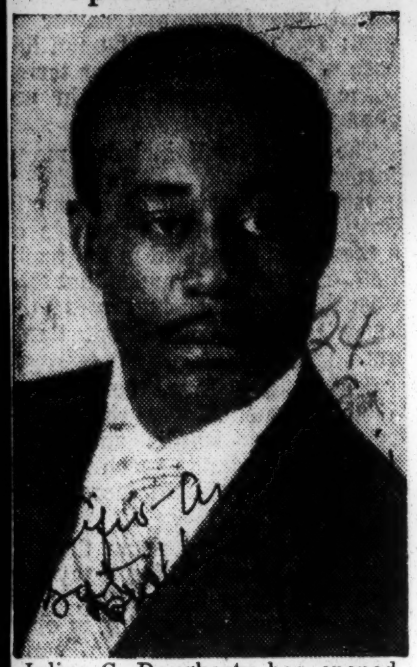
The past week found hostesses gaily entertaining with bridge; and club members holding forth at their first meetings since the extended vacation period ended with much tete-a-tete about same as well as a feeling of social rejuvenation.

Opens Law Office



Julius C. Daugherty has opened offices for the practice of law in Atlanta. He is associated with a classmate, Arthur Combs. Mr. Daughterty, a native of Atlanta, and the son of the Rev. Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Daugherty of the same city, is a 1948 Clark College graduate and has a Bachelor of Laws degree from Howard University Law School.

Six South Siders Admitted To Bar

Six South Side graduates of the John Marshall law school, 315 S. Plymouth ct., were granted licenses to practice law in the state of Illinois at ceremonies held in the Supreme court building in Springfield on Monday, June 18.

South Side graduates include, William Bowman, Jr., 6168 South Michigan ave.; Charles F. Armstrong, 3631 Ellis ave.; George D. Carry, 4252 Vincennes ave.; Demorious A. Rivers, 6136 Eberhart ave.; Miss Wille Mae Whiting, 230 North Campbell ave.; and Don R. Bonaporte, 6153 South Park.

Chief Justice Jesse L. Simpson, Edwardsville, Ill., of the Supreme court of Illinois, made the motion which admitted the candidates to the bar. Immediately following the ceremonies and the issuing of licenses, Noble W. Lee, dean of the John Marshall law school, and Representative to the State General Assembly from the fifth senatorial district, took all John Marshall graduates on a tour of historical spots in Springfield. Dean Lee is an outstanding authority on Illinois history and constitutional law.

Among the newly licensed lawyers is Miss Willie Mae Whiting who was the only girl in a class of 52 students to be graduated in the afternoon division last June. Born in Chicago, she attended William McKinley high school and later attended Fisk University and Roosevelt College. For 19 months she served as a private in the U. S. Army. For several years she has been associated with M. T. Washington & co., a CPA firm at 6138 Loomis blvd., where she has done secretarial work. She is now also associated with her uncle, Atty. George J. Harkness, 147 N. Western ave.

JAMES B. PARSONS, 6321 Champlain ave., was sworn in Tuesday as assistant U. S. Attorney. The oath was administered by Otto Kerner, Jr., chief of the Chicago office. He will be assigned to the criminal division. Parsons is a World War II veteran, graduate of the University of Chicago law school, and was formerly an assistant in the appellate division of the corporation counsel's office.

Sylvester L. Carter

Jefferson City, Mo.—When licenses to practice law before the Illinois Supreme Court were handed out in Springfield, Illinois, November 19, 1951, one of the honored recipients was Sylvester L. Carter of Springfield, Illinois. Attorney Carter is a graduate of North Carolina College at Durham and the Lincoln University School of Law (Class of June 1951) at St. Louis, Missouri. While at Lincoln Attorney Carter received both the Law School Faculty Award for the highest average in his Senior Class and the United States Law Week Award for having made the most progress scholastically in his class during his senior year. He was a member of the Moot Court Team which represented Lincoln University in the National Moot Court Competition in 1950, served as a student adviser in the St. Louis Legal Aid Bureau and President of the Sigma Lambda Sigma Legal Fraternity. Attorney Canter is married and has two children. He has announced the opening of his Law Office at 220 1-2 South Sixth Street, Springfield, Illinois, where he will be associated with Attorney Clarence B. Davis, who has practiced in Springfield for over a quarter of a century.

Polk County Bar Group Asks Disbarment of Des Moines Atty. C. P. Howard

Polk County's six district judges signed an order for Charles P. Howard, widely-known Des Moines attorney, to appear on Feb. 13 and answer charges of "unprofessional conduct."

Officers of the Polk County Bar association Jan. 31 asked disbarment of attorney Howard and revocation of his license to practice law.

Howard L. Bump, president of the bar association, filed the disbarment action in district court here. Bump said the proceedings were started after an investigation by the association's grievance committee and executive officers.

Four specific charges of "unprofessional conduct" were filed against Howard, a former city prosecutor and longtime prominent defense attorney—especially in criminal cases.

CHARLES P. HOWARD

Money Deals

Three of the charges involved Howard's financial transactions with clients. The fourth accused him of acting as a defense attorney in a lawsuit after the plaintiff's attorney—Henry T. McKnight—had sought Howard's advice in the case and disclosed evidence to him.

Howard was accused of failing to account to his clients for money due them as the result of judgements or settlements in law cases.

In one case, the attorney "appropriated" a client's judgement "to his own use," it was charged. The $650 judgment later was compromised for a lesser amount, the petition said.

A date will be set later for actual hearing of the disbarment action. Three district court judges—from outside Polk county—will be named by the state supreme court to hear the case, providing Howard contests the disbarment proceedings.

Violations of Duty

Bump's petition said "acts and conduct" of Howard's in many matters involving financial transactions" with his clients in the last 10 years were "violations of the duty of an attorney toward his client."

The case in which Howard allegedly "appropriated" his client's judgment to his own use was a false arrest suit filed against two Des Moines police officers by Iola Lyons Dedman.

In the suit, Mrs. Dedman, a Drake student, charged she was harassed by the two policemen, who arrested her while she was walking on a downtown street with a marine.

She won a judgment for $650 in district court in 1945.

The verdict later was upheld by the state supreme court. In 1948 the judgment was compromised and "paid to Howard and the costs of the action were paid by the defendants," the petition said.

Waterloo Case

Another charge involved a Waterloo estate case. The attorney obtained a $900 settlement in March, 1947, from the Illinois Central Railroad Co. for the death of Grace Louise Howard in an accident, the petition said.

Howard, who represented the administrator of the estate, was given the money in April, 1947, according to the petition. In January, 1948, a member of the family involved contacted a Waterloo attorney, F. W. Edwards, and told him the estate had not been able to recover the money, Bump charged.

The following March Edwards recovered $500 for the estate and "some other money" from Howard during the next four months, the petition said. In July, 1948, Edwards filed a complaint against Howard with the bar association grievance committee, Bump said.

"After being advised of said complaint, Howard paid the balance due the estate," the petition said, adding: "The foregoing acts constitute unprofessional conduct."

Howard Gives Up His Lawyer's Certificate; Scores Smear Attack

DES MOINES, Iowa—Charles P. Howard, who nominated Henry Wallace for the Presidency at the Progressive Party Convention in 1948 in Philadelphia, and who toured Russia last Summer as a guest of the Soviet Union, has surrendered his license to practice law voluntarily.

He acted three days before disbarment charges against him were to be heard. "Although the charges are hopelessly unfounded," Howard said, "there are those persons who are critical of my trip to Russia. Time will prove my honesty and love of my country."

against him.

Last week U. S. District Judge Riley signed an order striking his name from the list of lawyers permitted to practice in United States courts.

Howard has been a well-known political figure. A long-time Republican, active nationally, he became an ardent Progressive party member and stumped the country for Henry Wallace, the Progressive candidate, frequently speaking on the same platform with Wallace. At one time he published papers simultaneously in Des Moines and Gary, Ind.

He was charged with unprofessional conduct involving financial transactions with clients.

Chas. Howard Quits Legal Profession

DES MOINES — (ANP) — Charles P. Howard, widely known attorney, political figure and publisher, has surrendered his Iowa license to practice law. Howard gave up his license some weeks ago just before three Iowa district judges were to hear disbarment proceedings

ADMITTED TO BAR.—Mrs. Leona H. Pouncey, 2301 Michigan, widow of the late James D. Pouncey, was admitted to the practice of law last week by the state bar examining board at Jefferson City. Mrs. Pouncey thus becomes the first Negro woman in Kansas City to be admitted to the Missouri bar. She was graduated from the Howard university law school in 1949 after having received her A. B. degree from Lincoln university, Jefferson City, in 1947. A native of Russellville, Ark., Mrs. Pouncey, the former Miss Leona Hendrix, came to Kansas City in 1930. She later became secretary to James D. Pouncey who, before his death in 1947, had practiced law here for more than 20 years. She was married to Pouncey in 1937. While at Howard university, Mrs. Pouncey worked in the office of Charles H. Houston, widely known NAACP counsel who died last year. At Jefferson City, she was employed in the Missouri State Department of Education. She is also a former employe of The Call's circulation department. She is a member of the Paseo Baptist church, the Inter-City Booklovers club, the Urban League, the YWCA and the NAACP. Mrs. Pouncey's office is located at 1509 E. 18th St.

Race Atty's in $Million Suit

NEW ORLEANS—A suit calling for accounting of more than a million dollars was filed April 3 in the U. S. Court for the Eastern District of Louisiana against the Tidewater Associated Oil Company and the Seaboard Oil Company by Attys. Louis Berry, New Orleans; Vanue B. Lacour, Shreveport, and J. E. Perkins and Edward Jackson, Baton Rouge, on behalf of heirs of the late Henry Jordan, St. Joseph, La.

The case is believed to involve the largest amount of money of any ever handled by Negro attorneys in Louisiana.

4 Pass Bar In Louisiana

NEW ORLEANS—Four more lawyers were added to the Louisiana bar recently when the graduates from the law school at Southern University Scotlandville, passed the bar examinations and were given the right to practice law in Louisiana.

They were Leonard P. Avery, Baton Rouge; Richard B. Millspaugh Jr., Opelousas; Willie Louis Robinson, New Orleans; Jerome Theodore Powell, Shreveport.

NEGRO ATTORNEY ESTABLISHES OFFICE

(Special to The Times-Picayune)

Opelousas, La., June 28 — The first Opelousas Negro to be introduced before the St. Landry parish bar and granted permission to practice here is Richard Millspaugh. He was introduced to the court Thursday by L. Austin Fontenot Jr., local attorney.

Millspaugh, a native of Opelousas, is a graduate of Southern university. Several Negro attorneys have handled cases here previously but he is the first local Negro to establish offices in Opelousas.

Thurgood Marshall

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LAWYER IS PRAISED AS CIVIL DEFENDER

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Thurgood Marshall, as Special Counsel for Negro Group, Honored at Dinner

Dinner

HE ACCUSES GEN. M'ARTHUR

Fri. 4-6-51

Calls Segregation 'Glaringly Apparent' at Headquarters of Far East Command

New York

Thurgood Marshall, special counsel for the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, was cited yesterday at a luncheon in his honor as "America's outstanding civil rights lawyer."

As the association's special counsel for thirteen years, Mr. Marshall received the praise of two speakers as in the "forefront of those who fight for the principles of political, economic and social equality for all Americans." The luncheon, at the Delmonico Hotel, was attended by 100 guests of the association.

Federal Judge William H. Hastie, of the United States Third Circuite Court of Appeals, Philadelphia, described the guest as a "lawyer's lawyer," who more than any other man had been "instrumental in professionalizing the area of law dealing with civil rights."

"Thurgood Marshall has been eminently successful," Judge Hastie declared, "in pulling together the many loose threads of civil rights law and building them, in his legal briefs, into an orderly body of principles."

Position Called Preeminent

The speaker added that "these principles have served, in our time, to vindicate the equal protection and due process clauses of the Fourteenth Amendment to the Constitution."

"Certainly no lawyer, and practically no member of the bench," Judge Hastie said, "has Thurgood Marshall's grasp of the doctrine of law as it affects civil rights."

Samuel I. Rosenman, former Supreme Court Justice, was the luncheon chairman and praised the guest for "righting the shocking wrongs directed against Negro soldiers in Japan and Korea."

Mr. Marshall returned recently from a trip to both countries where he investigated complaints from Negro soldiers convicted by Army courts-martial that they had received unfair trials.

Mr. Rosenman said that the association, through the intercession of its special counsel, had had sentences reduced in the cases of twenty-two of the forty convicted soldiers.

General MacArthur Accused

Mr. Marshall, in summarizing his trip, charged General MacArthur with responsibility for "maintaining the color line" in the Army's Far East Command.

While admitting that there were a few mixed Army units on the Korean battlefront, he asserted that the general practice was one of "rigid segregation." He accused the commander of the United Nations forces of "failing to implement the President's order pointing to the elimination of segregation in the armed services."

He said that "the rule of segregation was most glaringly apparent at the headquarters of the Far East Command, to which "no Negroes are assigned." He said this contrasted sharply with the Air Force's policy.

Walter White, executive secretary of the association, appealed for funds for the organization's legal defense and education department, which is campaigning for $250,000.

Honor Marshall At Luncheon

NEW YORK. — Upon invitation of Judge Samuel I. Rosenman, more than 100 leading members of the bar and business attended a luncheon at the Delmonico hotel here today in honor of Thurgood Marshall, NAACP special counsel, who reported on the findings of his investigations of courts-martial of Negro servicemen in Japan and Korea.

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Dinner

The difficulties in Korea, Mr Marshall said, stem directly from the Army's segregation policy. He told of the unequal penalties meted out to Negro GIs in comparison with those given to white soldiers. In the Air Force and in other mixed units, he said, there were no instances of the unfair courts martial which he found in the Army.

"As long as we have racial segregation in the Army we will have the type of injustice of which these courts martial are typical," Mr. Marshall concluded. Also addressing the luncheon meeting were Judge Rosenman, Judge William H. Hastie and Walter White, NAACP executive secretary.

Baltimore Woman Is Elected To Bar

BALTIMORE — (ANP) — Mrs. Juanita Jackson Mitchell, local attorney, has been elected a member of the Women's Bar Association of Baltimore.

Woman Elected To Bar Group

BALTIMORE — (ANP) — Mrs. Juanita Jackson Mitchell, local attorney, has been elected a member of the Women's Bar association of Baltimore.

The young attorney, the wife of Clarence Mitchell, NAACP Washington representative and the daughter of Mrs. Lilie Jackson, president of the Baltimore NAACP, has had a brilliant career herself. Mrs. Mitchell traveled the entire country as a youth representative of the NAACP before she married and became the mother of three children.

Mrs. Mitchell's election breaks a precedent. All other members are white.

Find Negroes Can't Pass Miss. Bar Exam

JACKSON, Miss.—A study of reports from the State Board of Law Examiners indicates that there is a "gentlemen's agreement" in the State of Mississippi that no Negro shall pass the bar examination.

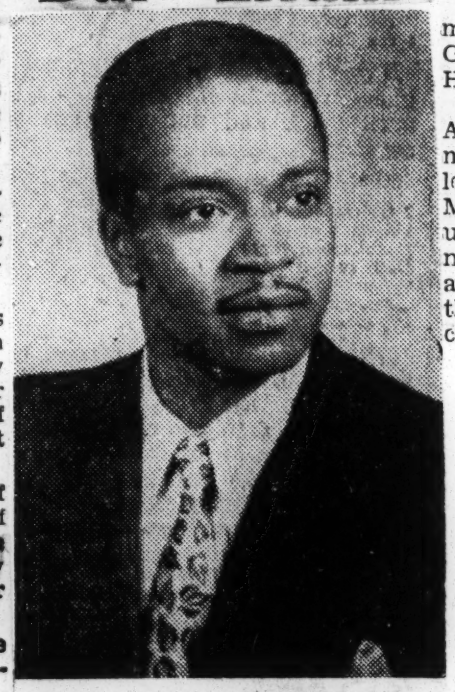
These reports show that no Negro has been approved by the board in the last ten years. The four who took the exam last February failed to pass.

Since aspiring lawyers must pass the examination or graduate from the University of Mississippi Law School before they can open their practice, this kills the hopes of any Negro who desires to hang out his shingle in the State.

The record shows that many of those examined are graduates of some of the leading law schools in the country. Yet they inevitably fail when confronted with the bar exam.

Only two Negro lawyers are currently in business in Mississippi.

Unable to win the board's approval last February were Lawrence C. Jones, Jr., a graduate of the New York University Law School; Captain Jessie J. Johnson, assistant judge advocate in the army; Jack Harvey Young and R. Jessie Brown, graduates of leading correspondence schools.



ATTY. ORZELL BILLINGSLEY, JR.

Orzell Billingsley, Jr., 26-year-old Birmingham-born lawyer has been admitted to the Alabama State Bar.

He was notified Sept. 3 by John B. Scott, secretary of the Board of Commissioners of the Alabama State Bar that he had passed hte bar examinations. Mr. Billingsley becomes the seventh Negro lawyer in Alabama.

In 1942 he was graduated from Parker High School, moved on to Talladega College where he won the A. B. degree in 1946 and in 1950 earned a law degree at the Howard University School of Law in Washington, D. C.

He was born Oct. 23, 1924 in Birmingham. June 3, 1950, he was married to Miss Charlotte Wigington, a nurse. At present the couple resides at 308 Tenth Avenue North.

Atty. Billingsley is a member of the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity and the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People.

Since coming back to the city from Howard Law School, Mr. Billingsley has worked as clerk in the Law Offices of Atty. Arthur D. Shores. He said that he would remain with this office as a full fledged practicing attorney. Other lawyers associated with Shores are Attorneys Peter A. Hall and David Hood, Jr., the latter also having an office in Bessemer, Alabama.

There are two other lawyers in the city, namely, Atty. Oscar W. Adams, Jr., who has his office in Pythian Temple and Atty. Philander Butler, counsel for the Smith and Gaston Interest.

Atty. Charles V. Hendley, grand master of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge, has his law offices in Huntsville, Ala.

Six of the seven Negro lawyers in Alabama are thus located in Birmingham. Lady Attorney M. Ashley Dickerson, who was set up in Montgomery, Alabama, left the city upon marriage. That had cut the number of Negro lawyers to six. It also narrowed the distribution of these lawyers from three to two cities, which is still the case.

FIRST NEGRO CANDIDATES IN MORE THAN A DECADE PASS MISSISSIPPI LAW EXAMINATION

Jack H. Young And Lawrence C. Jones, Jr Get License To Practice Law In Mississippi

JACKSON, Miss., Sept. 17 — (DSN) — The first Negro candidates in more than a decade has passed the Mississippi law examinations, it was revealed in a report of the State Board of Law Examiners made public this week.

The two successful candidates who took the examination last July are: Jack Harvey Young, a local mail carrier, and a member of a pioneer Jackson family, and Lawrence C. Jones Jr. of Pineywoods, Mississippi, the son of the president and founders of Pinewoods Country Life School.

Atty. Young is a graduate of Jackson College and studied law under the tutelage of Atty. Sydney R. Redmond, who is a graduate of the Harvard University Law School. Atty. Jones is a graduate of the law school of New York University.

Atty. Young said this week that he hoped to be ready to open office for the practice of the law in the very near future here in Jackson.

Atty. Jones could not be reached for a statement.

The convention was highlighted by the Annual Morrison Foundation Address given Thursday night, August 30, in the Gold Ball Room by Associate Supreme Court Justice Robert H. Jackson, who talked on "Advocracy before the U. S. Supreme Court."

has just concluded participation in the annual conference of the A.M.E. Church in Los Angeles.

Rayfield Lundy, South Los Angeles and Compton lawyer, was the only Negro elected state official present. Two years ago he gained a seat on the Willowbrook School Board. He is the only colored member of the Compton Bar Assn. and is presently a member of the Board of Directors.

The sole husband and wife lawyer team present was Atty. and Mrs. Bernard Jefferson. Mr. Jefferson's brother is the only Negro judge in the state and sits on the Superior Court bench.

Ed Mabson, one of California's oldest colored lawyers, was also in attendance.

Bar Group Admits White Member Here

President John W. Harvey of the Mound City Bar Association announced, Tuesday, that the Association had admitted Atty. Edward T. Wright, white, of St. Louis County as a member.

MR. WRIGHT

Atty. Wright was born and grew into manhood in St. Louis County. He attended the Brentwood schools, studied pre-law at Principia college in Illinois and received the bachelor of laws degree from Mercer Univ. in Macon, Ga. He was the case-note editor of the Mercer Law Review and did extensive research in Civil Rights at Mercer and Tuskegee Institute, Ala.

He is a veteran of World War II and saw service in China, Burma and India. He is a member of the National Bar Association, NAACP and Civil Liberties Union. Mr. Wright's application was sponsored by Attorneys William N. Hutchinson, Rufus Shannon and Thomas R. Clarke.

The Mound City Bar Association will be host to the National Bar Association, Aug. 30-31 and Sept. 1. The sessions will be held at Kiel Auditorium. Atty. Morris M. Hatchett was named chairman of the finance committee of the local association.

Lawyer John A. Davis Resumes His Practice

Attorney John A. Davis, in the practice of the law here for 28 years, has returned to his office at 2103a Market street after 7 months of illness leave. He was forced into temporary retirement in order to rest and recuperate after a severe siege that confined him in the hospital and later at his home.

Attorney Davis has long been active in the civic and political affairs. He had just completed a hard campaign for a magistrateship when he became ill. For 8 years he served as Republican Committeeman of the 18th Ward. He began his public career as a young lawyer when in 1927 he was elected to the Missouri Legislature. It was then he introduced the first civil rights bill in Missouri, and was more censored than praised. "But I now look back and see that my pioneering in removing segregation from public education in Missouri was right. Not only did the U. S. Supreme Court follow with its decisions, knocking out the dual education system, but my successors in the legislature have re-introduced civil rights bills and have gained important support. Few persons know that after I introduced my civil rights bill in '27 I had to be guarded and had to leave the Capitol because of threats for a few days. But I am glad I did not shirk my duty, although many Negro leaders at the time condemned me. Time has proven me right."

Attorney Davis gives his wife, Rachella Alcena Huff, much of the credit for his rapid recovery and resuming of active practice. "She not only stood by me at the hospital and at home, but kept my office contacts. Now she is enjoying a well-earned vacation up in Michigan." He said he wanted all of his friends and clients to know this. He and Miss Rachella Huff were married August, 1950.

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National Lawyers Guild

Earl B. Dickerson Elected President Of Lawyers Guild

CHICAGO — (ANP) — Attorney Earl B. Dickerson of Chicago last week was elected the first Negro president of the predominantly white National Lawyers Guild at the 11th Annual [illegible]ntion of the organization here.

$12,500 CITY POST FOR NEGRO WOMAN

Mrs. Ruth Whaley to Succeed Magistrate Schwartz as the Estimate Board Secretary

Mrs. Hilda G. Schwartz, who resigned yesterday her $12,500 post as secretary of the Board of Estimate to begin a ten-year term as a City Magistrate at $12,000 a year, will be succeeded by Mrs. Ruth W. Whaley of 1867 Seventh Avenue, the first Negro woman to engage in active law practice in the State of New York.

Mrs. Schwartz was one of six City Magistrates sworn in by Mayor Impellitteri for full ten-year terms a few minutes after the Board of Estimate had accepted her resignation and unanimously approved the Mayor's designation of Mrs. Whaley as her successor. Mrs. Whiley will be sworn in by the Mayor in his office at City Hall at 11 A. M. today.

The other City Magistrates sworn in by the Mayor at a ceremony held in the City Council chamber and attended by 400 friends and relatives of the appointees were Matthew F. Fagan of Brooklyn and Phillip B. Thurston of Manhattan, reappointees; Clarence Wilson of Brooklyn and James E. Lo Piccolo and Nunez, both of Queens.

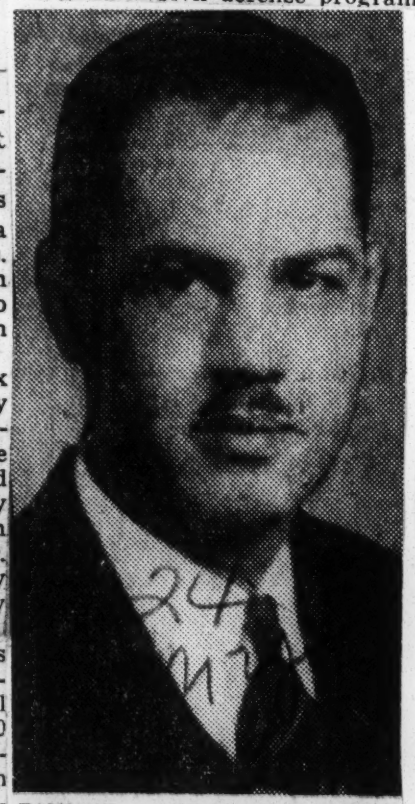
Graduate of Fordham Law

Mrs. Whaley was for a brief period a Deputy Commissioner of Housing and Buildings during the regime of former Mayor William O'Dwyer, leaving that post to become director of staff and community relations for the Department of Welfare at $7,500 a year. She is a graduate of the Fordham Law School where she was a classmate of Mayor Impellitteri. During the 1950 mayoralty campaign she was one of the Mayor's most active workers in the Harlem area.

Mrs. Whaley is a widow. She has two children, a son, Herman W., and a daughter, Ruth M. She is a member of numerous professional, business and fraternal organizations.

Mrs. Schwartz's resignation was tendered an daccepted at a Board of Estimate meeting marked by the handling of more than 300 calendar items. The Mayor and his colleagues praised her record for efficiency and competency and expressed regret at the loss of her services.

Th board appropriated $90,500 for the purchase of thirty jeeps, two mobile laboratories, 151 pistols and thirty-seven two-way radios to facilitate civil defense of the city's watersheds. It also voted $1,207,500 for the purchase of supplies and equipment in conection with the general civil defense program.



DINNER SPEAKER — Judge Herbert T. Delaney (above) of the Domestic Relations Court, New York City, will be principal speaker along with Judge S. Leibowitz at testimonial dinner May 24, honoring the five surviving founders of the Brooklyn and Long Island Lawyers Association. To be given by the Lawyers' Association, dinner will be held at the Towers hotel in Brooklyn. Attys. Lewis S. Flagg, Jr., Ernest Miller, Lennie L. George, Hutson L. Lovell and Clarence N. Johnson will be honored.

Judge Delany Will Be Heard By Attorneys

BROOKLYN, N. Y.—Attorney William H. Staves has announced that the two main speakers for the testimonial dinner given by the Brooklyn and Long Island Lawyers Association will be Judge Hubert T. Delany and Judge Samuel S. Leibowitz.

The dinner will be given in honor of the five surviving founders of the organization at the Towers Hotel, 25 Clark street Brooklyn, N. Y., on Thursday, May 24, at 7 p. m.

The attorneys to be honored are Lewis S .Flagg, Jr., Ernest Miller, Lennie L. George, Hutson L. Lovell, and Clarence N. Johnson.

JUDGE DELANY IS now justice of the Domestic Relations Court of the City of New York. He has distinguished himself as a real civic leader by holding boards of directors: National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, National Lawyers Guild, Talladega College, Willwych School for Boys, New York Tuberculosis and Health Association, City-Wide Citizens Committee on Harlem and the Harlem Young Men's Christian Association.

Judge Leibowitz, a prominent civic leader in Brooklyn, is now a judge of the Kings County Court. Before his elevation to the bench, he was one of the most eminent criminal lawyers in the nation, as well as the chief counsel in the famous Scottsboro case.

Attorney Staves is chairman of the Dinner Committee, which consists of the following attorneys: Malcolm G. Martin, Viron K. Jones, Lewis E. Waters, Oliver D. Williams, Courtenay L. Wiltshire and Thaddeus E. Owens.

America's Most Fascinating Women

Judge Jane M. Bolin, of the Domestic Relations Court, New York City, grew up with the law.

She is the daughter of the late Gaius Bolin who practised law in Poughkeepsie, N.Y. for more than a half century. She is the widow of Ralph E. Mizelle, who, at the time of his death in 1943, was an attorney in the solicitor's office of the Post Office Department in Washington.

She is also the mother of a son.

Mrs. Bolin was the first woman judge to be named in the Court of Domestic Relation. Prior to that appointment in 1939 she was an assistant corporation counsel of New York City, and prior to that took a fling in politics when she ran for the Assembly on the Republican ticket in New York and lost.

She graduated with honors from Wellesley and took her law degree from Yale.

She was on the national board of the NAACP, but resigned. Last week she took on another assignment, that of being chairman of the advisory committee of the Manhattan Branch of the Urban League of Greater New York.

Top Law Student Passes Bar Exam

CHARLOTTE, N. C.—Atty. Robert D. Glass, top honor studen in the 1951 North Carolina College Law School graduating class was sworn in before the North Carolina Bar Association here last week.

Mr. Glass was introduced by a classmate, Atty. Charles V. Bell, also a practicing lawyer of this city.

WAR VETERAN

A native of Alabama, and a veteran of World War II, Mr. Glass received two degrees from North Carolina College in five years. He was graduated magna cum laude with an A.B. degree in 1949, and received his LL.B. degree last year with honors—cum laude and top man in his class. He successfully passed the North Carolina bar in August.

Mr. Glass' scholastic achievement won for him membership in the Alpha Kappa Mu honorary scholarship society and the Alpha Kappa Mu key. He is a member of the Omega Psi Phi fraternity and a Mason.

ATTY. ROBERT D. GLASS

ATTORNEY JEAN MURRELL CAPERS

BIRMINGHAM, Ala. — (SNS) — COUNCILWOMAN TO SPEAK HERE — Jean Murrell Capers, Attorney-at-law, Cleveland, Ohio, will be guest speaker at an area-wide mass meeting Sunday, Augus 19, at The Sardis Baptist Church 4:00 p. m. Sponsored by the Committee of 100 women headed by Mrs. Lucille Douglass.

Attorney Capers, first Negro woman elected to the city council of Cleveland,, Ohio won her election by 850 votes.

A member of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Glenara Temple of Elks, National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, Urban League and numerous other organizations, both local and national, Attorney Capers received her formal eduaction at Western Reserve University and Cleveland Law School. She is a former school teacher and has practiced law since 1945. She received the National Council Award in 1950 for one of the 10 outstanding women in field of public service. She received the Cleveland Urban League Award in 1950.

The public is invited to rear this talented young woman.

The Rev. R. I. Alford, president of the Birmingham Branch NAACP is pastor of the church.

Ohio Woman Attorney Stirs Audience Here

BY EVA FLOWERS GREEN

We did not grow as individual, unless we overcome obstacles and handicaps. Great things are never accomplished by a large number, it is that faithful few who fight until the victory is won" declared Attorney Jean Murrell Capers. Member of The City Council, Cleveland, Ohio as she last spoke Sunday afternoon to a capacity crowd at Sardis Baptist Church of which the Rev. R. I. Alford is pastor at the Citizenship Mass Rally sponsored by The Committee of 100 women.

Atty. Capers challenged the women of Birmingham to stop getting mad and get smart. "The only reason the Negro people don't use the power of the ballot" she said, is because we don't fully understand what it means. We must meet the challenge of the time with the tools we have to work with." Se reminded her audience that this country was founded by a small group of people who wanted freedom. A group that kept fighting relentlessly, fighting for the same thing we are fighting for today, first-class citizenship.

Her spell-bound audience gave loud applause as she reviewed the difficulty she encountered while campaigning for membership on the City Council, having been defeated twice before she was elected in 1949.

Atty. Capers commended the Committee of 100 Women for the project they have undertaken toward getting more people registered to vote here in Birmingham. She also praised them for getting women from all walks of life. The dynamic speaker let her audience know that the John Atta Doe ,Average Negro women of American walks of life. The emotional speaker let her audience know that the John Aatta Doe (average Negro Woman of American) is the person who will work toward getting the things we need so badly. She is concerned about all the things she wants for her children as well as herself. She is willing to pay the sacrifice to get this new day.

"If we want first-class citizenship, we must pay the price for it Nothing worth having can be bought without dollars and cents, declared the speaker.

She closed her challenge in the words of James Weldon Johnson's "Negro National Athem," Lift every voice and sing.

Other participants on this Citizenship Mass Rally were Mrs. Lucille Douglass who gave "the Occasion," Mrs. Jeanetta Brazier Williams, and Atty. Philander Butler giving The Acceptance, Mrs. Belzora S. Ward, introduced the guest speaker. Mrs. Geraldine Cook presided over the meeting.

Woman Voted Top Citizen Of Oregon

PORTLAND, Ore. — (ANP) — A woman, Mrs. E. W. Smith, was voted last week the outstanding Negro in Portland, Oregon.

Mrs. Smith the first woman president of the local N. A. A. C. P. chapter, was named the Negro First Citizen for 1950 in Portland.

A member of the NAACP board for many years, Mrs. Smith this month concluded her second term as president of the association.

She is a member of the Portland chapter of the League of Women Voters, past president of the Association of Colored Women, executive board chairman of the Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters auxiliary, and a former member of the Portland YWCA board.

Mrs. Smith works on the staff of the Portland Parks Bureau at Saint Johns Community House.

Winner of the junior award of Negro First Citizen is Raleigh Washington, for his rescue of a young girl from the Willamette river last spring. He and Mrs. Smith will be formally honored during Brotherhood Week at a banquet.

NAMED TO OPS. — Mrs. Doris Inez May Harris, attorney in the Philadelphia law firm of Cain, Thomas and Harris, has been named to the legal staff of the Office of Price Stabilization, Region 3, comprised of Pennsylvania and Delaware. Mrs. Harris, a member of the Philadelphia Bar, is a graduate of the University of Pennsylvania School of Law and is a member of the National Council of Negro women.

Digest Tells Story Of Edith Sampson

PLEASANTVILLE, N. Y. — Tribute is paid to the humanity of Mrs. Edith S. Sampson, Chicago Negro attorney and U.S. delegate to the United Nations General Assembly, in an April Reader's Digest article, "Edith Sampson—Thorn in Russia's Side," by J. D. Ratcliff, condensed from United Nations World.

At 49, Mrs. Sampson has won the regard of all who know her from slum children of Chicago to crusty senators from the Deep South. Evidence of this ability to win friends came in 1949 when Mrs. Sampson was one of 28 delegates on a round-the-world trip organized by America's Town Meeting of the Air. The 28 formed a permanent organization on their return and unanimously elected Mrs. Sampson president.

One of eight children of a $75 a month worker in Pittsburg, Mrs. Sampson worked her way through high school, studied social work then won two law degrees after she was married and was caring for two small children left by her sister. She climbed to a post as assistant state's attorney in Cook County, Illinois, before her appointment to the U. N. post.

Asked if she viewed her appointment as a propaganda move to offset Communist criticism of racial intolerance, Mrs. Sampsonu replied that she was appointed not to represent 15,000,000 but 150 million Americans "who are beginning to see clearly that freedom depends on sharing it equally with all men."

BON VOYAGE — Sailing recently aboard the Queen Mary to represent the United States at a festival in Vienna, and at conferences in other European cities was Mrs. Edith S. Sampson of Chicago, alternate delegate to the UN. Wishing her bon voyage on her first sea trip were her husband, Atty. Joseph Clayton (top) and William R. Hudgins, president, Carver Federal Savings and Loan Association. — Ransom photo.

Atty Lucia Theodosia Thomas

Woman of the Week

By TOKI SCHALK JOHNSON

ATTY. LUCIA THEODOSIA THOMAS
... *charming Portia*

CHICAGO — Dreams do come true! According to this week's delightful Woman of the Week, Atty. Lucia Theodosia Thomas of Chicago, the dream she had when she was three years old, came true at 23, when she became a lawyer.

Born in 1917, at Fort D. A. Russell, Cheyenne, Wyo., where her father, Capt. Benjamin F. Thomas, was stationed before leaving for France, Miss Thomas divided her early years and schooling between Illinois, her father's home state, and Texas, where her mother, Mrs. Dottie Sears Thomas, was a teacher in San Antonio, Tex.

She was class valedictorian in both elementary and high school. In 1932 she entered Xavier University in New Orleans, where she was very active in extra curricular activities, becoming the first woman to be co-editor of the Xavier Herald. In 1935 she received the Gold Honor Award key of the Catholic School Press Association, and in 1936 was graduated magna cum laude.

ENTERS LAW SCHOOL

She was the first Negro woman to enter the University of Michigan Law School, where she was awarded a LaVerne Noyes scholarship and studied there for two years. In 1940, she received the LL.B. degree in Washington, D. C., took the bar examination, and became a member of the Washington Bar Association.

The following year, Attorney Thomas came to Chicago and joined the law firm of Ellis and Westbrooks, and the next year, after passing the bar examination, joined the Prescott, Burroughs and Taylor firm, where she is now.

She joined her father, who retired from the Army in 1937 after thirty-two years of service. She has one brother, Charles Young Thomas.

In 1942 she received the Doctor of Jurisprudence degree from the John Marshall Law School, and the next year was the first colored lawyer to receive the degree of Master of Patent Law from the same school.

Attorney Thomas has been admitted to practice in the District Court of the United States for D. C.; the Court of Appeals, D. C.; the Supreme Court of Illinois, the District Court of the United States and to the U. S. Court of Appeals for the Seventh Circuit, Chicago.

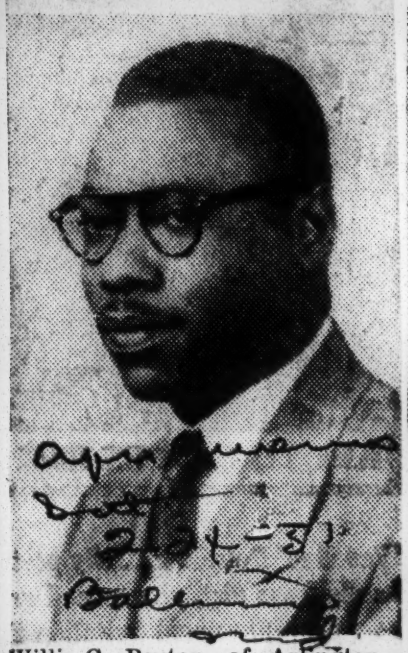
DELTA SOROR

A member of Delta Sigma Sorority, her biography has appeared in many volumes. Highly versatile, she sews, writes, and was most interested in sports during her school days.

Slim, five feet two, with dark eyes and hair, she made a sharp picture in the Women's Defense Corps uniform during World War II. Eligible and interesting, she's waiting for "Mr. Right" to show up. She likes parties, dancing and traveling, having been over most of the United States and Mexico.

Among her legal activities, first woman secretary of the Cook County Bar Association; assistant secretary, National Bar Association; associate member of Washington Bar Association; local bar committee of Illinois Bar Association, Chicago Bar Association, Labor Law, International Relations, Juvenile and Women's Court Committees of Women's Bar Association of Illinois

Passes Va. Bar



Willis C. Payton, of Arlington, Va., a June graduate of the Terrell Law School, Washington, who was among the candidates who recently passed the Virginia bar examinations. A member of Sigma Delta Tau legal fraternity, Mr. Payton is presently employed by the Federal Government and also teaches business law at night at the Cortez Peters Business College.

Danville, Va., Swears In Its Youngest And Newest Attorney

Miss Ruth LaCountess Harvey, of Danville, Va., the city's newest and youngest attorney is shown as she was sworn in at Corporation Court recently. The daughter of Dr. and Mrs. C. C. Harvey, of South Main street, is also Danville's first colored woman lawyer. She will speak at Calvary Baptist Church, Danville, during a youth service on April 8, at 4 p. m.

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U. of Va.'s First Negro Hopes to Pave Way For Others of Race

By the Associated Press.

CHARLOTTESVILLE, Va., July 3.—Gregory Hayes Swanson, first Negro ever enrolled in the University of Virginia, said yesterday he hoped his experiences would "in an appreciable measure make it conducive" for others of his race to enter the university.

Mr. Swanson was admitted for graduate law studies last September through a Federal court order.

In an interview, the 27-year-old attorney expressed a hope that "some day in the very near future the law school, as well as the whole university, will point the way to more constructive efforts in effectuating equality in the South.

In the light of his experience at the university, Mr. Swanson said he believed "there is great hope for the undertaking toward complete equality."

Mr. Swanson replied to a question that he was convinced racial barriers must be erased in education at all levels, from elementary to college.

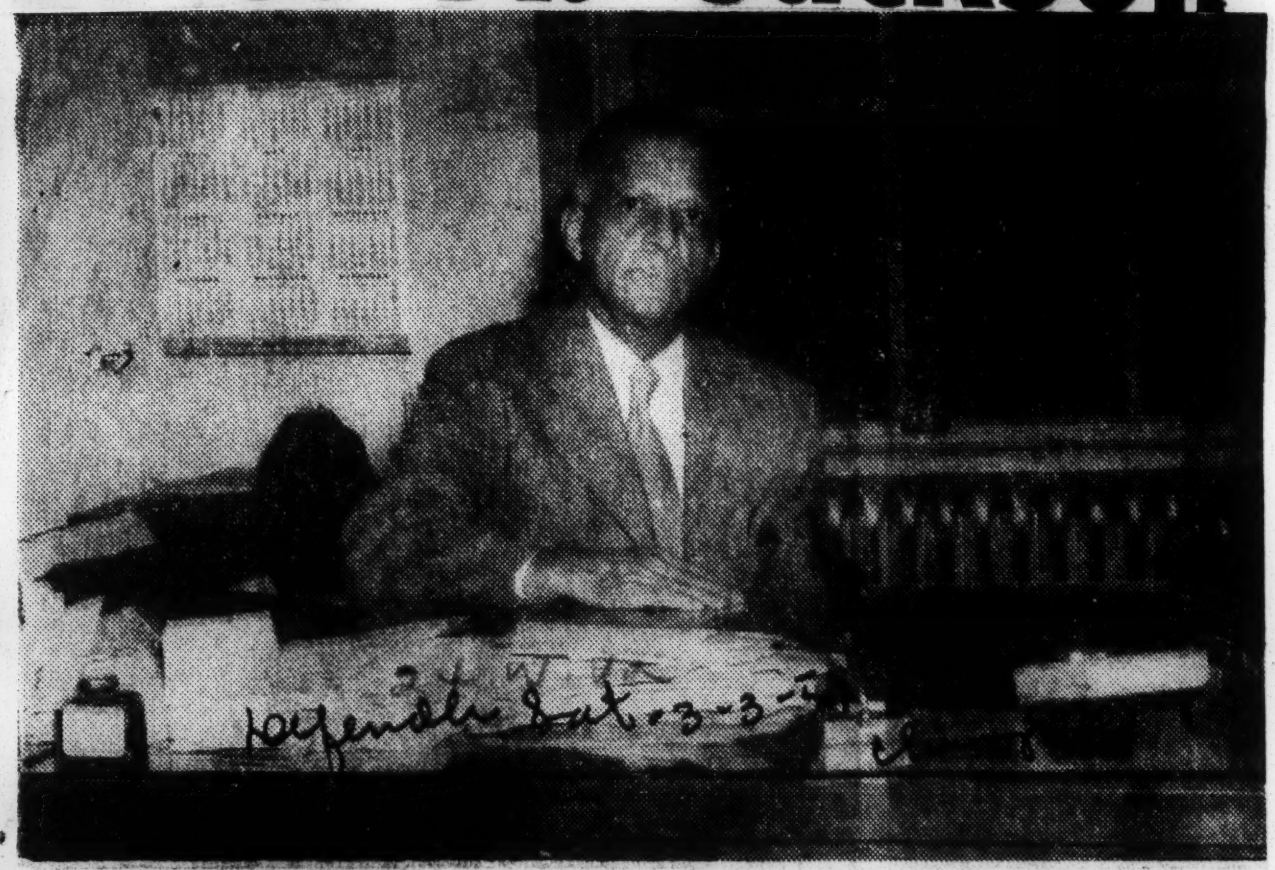
During the past academic year Mr. Swanson, who holds bachelor of arts and law degrees from Howard University, studied seven courses at Virginia. He is writing his master's thesis and after its submission will stand for an oral examination. His work on the thesis and the examination will determine whether he receives a degree.

Mr. Swanson said the law school faculty and University officials had treated him just as they did other students. "Most of the students of the law school were quite congenial, courteous and co-operative," he said. He had high praise for the quality of the law school.

At the university he said he had attended various university activities—football games, concerts, lectures, forums—without restraint.

Since the admission of Mr. Swanson several other Negroes have been enrolled for graduate work at both the university and the College of William and Mary, both State-supported institutions, in line with the court's order. These admissions have been in fields where the State does not offer comparable work in a school for Negroes.

The Story Of J. A. Jackson



A PLEASANT, MODERN reading room, row upon row of stacks in back and his own office form the domain of Arthur Jackson of Charleston, W. Va., State Law Librarian. He has served under 27 different judges in the State Supreme Court and only eight are still living. At his desk (photo above) facing the reading room, Jackson is a dignified figure. He spends $6,000 a year for new law books.

"IT'S NOT SO MUCH in knowing the law but where to find it," says Arthur Jackson, as he thumbs one of the 100,000 legal tomes he cherishes for the state.—Photos by Mabel Holt.

Bar Group To Honor Nutter

CHARLESTON, W. Va.—T. Gillis Nutter, state president of the NAACP and a prominent Republican was one of 15 members of the bar named to be honored next month at the president's dinner of the Charleston Bar Association.

The dinner will be held June 8, at the Kanawha country club. Nutter, the only Negro among the 15, entered the practice of law in 1901.

Ex-W. Va. Tennis Star Is Nation's Only State Law Records Librarian

By LILLIAN SCOTT

CHARLESTON, W. Va. — That James Arthur Jackson, gentleman, holds the position of State Law Librarian of West Virginia, is remarkable on two counts.

First, Jackson is the only Negro state law librarian in the United States; and second his hushed domain is an oasis of integration in the barren separatism of all other state agencies.

The fact that Arthur Jackson, as he is known, is a rather unique individual, is probably greatly responsible for this unusual state of affairs of the dual-minded state government of West Virginia.

On May 1, 1951, Jackson will have served 50 years as a state employee and is now oldest in point of service of all state employees.

"This is the only position I've ever had," he said, smiling gently as he began to retrace his various sub-appointments in the agency.

After graduating from West Virginia State college in 1901, he immediately became assistant to the then white librarian and held that post for 19 years. He has also been court crier and Supreme Court messenger.

In 1921, he was made Supreme Court librarian, a post created especially for him by a friendly legislator as he was then a Republican under Democratic state administration.

Four years later this temporary office was abolished when the political boat stopped rocking and he was appointed state law librarian, the title he has held ever since.

The small but well-appointed library Jackson directs contains over 100,000 volumes in a third floor wing next door to the magnificent State Supreme Court Chamber in the impressive capital.

The library holds the decisions of every court of record in the United States, the courts of highest record in all United States possessions, and those of England, the British Isles, and all her possessions — in short "the courts of all the English speaking peoples."

Jackson is proud that the American Library Journal has termed his bailiwick "one of the best libraries of service in the country."

The appropriation he handled for all expenses last year was over $14,000 (most legal decisions are free as they are received on an exchange basis). He has one assistant, a young Negro, C. F. Lawstar of several notable amateur dramatic productions in Charleston in the mid-thirties.

His triumphs include "Death Takes a Holiday," "Within the Law," and "Every Woman." The productions given once a year as benefits for charity in one of Charleston's major downtown movie houses, were always financial and artistic successes.

The governor and his cabinet attended the performance of "Every Woman," which cleared $1500 in one night after all expenses — including stagehands — were paid. He wishes now they had pushed their luck with additional performances, and with rueful hindsight, wonders why they didn't.

Once an omniverous reader, his research work at the library has taxed his eyes and he's actually too tired at night now to do anything but read magazines.

He's "crazy" about movies and gardening. His hobby is his flowers, and he had an extensive vegetable patch when his family lived at Institute. However, since his children left home, he and Mrs. Jackson have been living in Charleston proper.

He loved the West when he discovered it, and he's very pleased that his grandchildren are growing up in Denver and "gradually losing that searing consciousness of race and gaining poise."

"I found race relations out there so ideal," he declared. "There is no segregation in the schools, parks or restaurants. It's so different."

Even as a lad he sensed racial lines, but as his contacts from the age of 15 on, in his work, were almost exclusively white, he "got over it."

"It's breaking down rapidly," he cheerfully declares.

When the photographer's flash bulb didn't go off, he was told the picture would have to be made over. His quiet reply seemed to capture the essence of his character, a man whose mind and interests were never static:

"We have to be made over a lot of times."

He was born in Montgomery, W. Va., 27 miles from Charleston, the son of a barber. In 1914 he married Gertrude Diana Campbell, and they have had five children: James Arthur Jr., who died in infancy; Philip Ellsworth who died at the age of eight years; Laura Mathews, now Mrs. Lloyd Brown of Institute, W. Va.; Jane Lee, wife of Major Hubert L. Jones (presently serving in Korea) and Barbara Ann.

Mrs. Jackson is now visiting Mrs. Jones who lives with her family in Denver. The youngest daughter is teaching school in Topeka, Kan.

In 1947 the State Bar Association commended Jackson in a special radio broadcast for his 47 years service. He is listed in several Who's Who's, and on a recent trp to Denver he was entertained by Chief Justice Benjamin C. Hilliard of the Colorado Supreme Court.

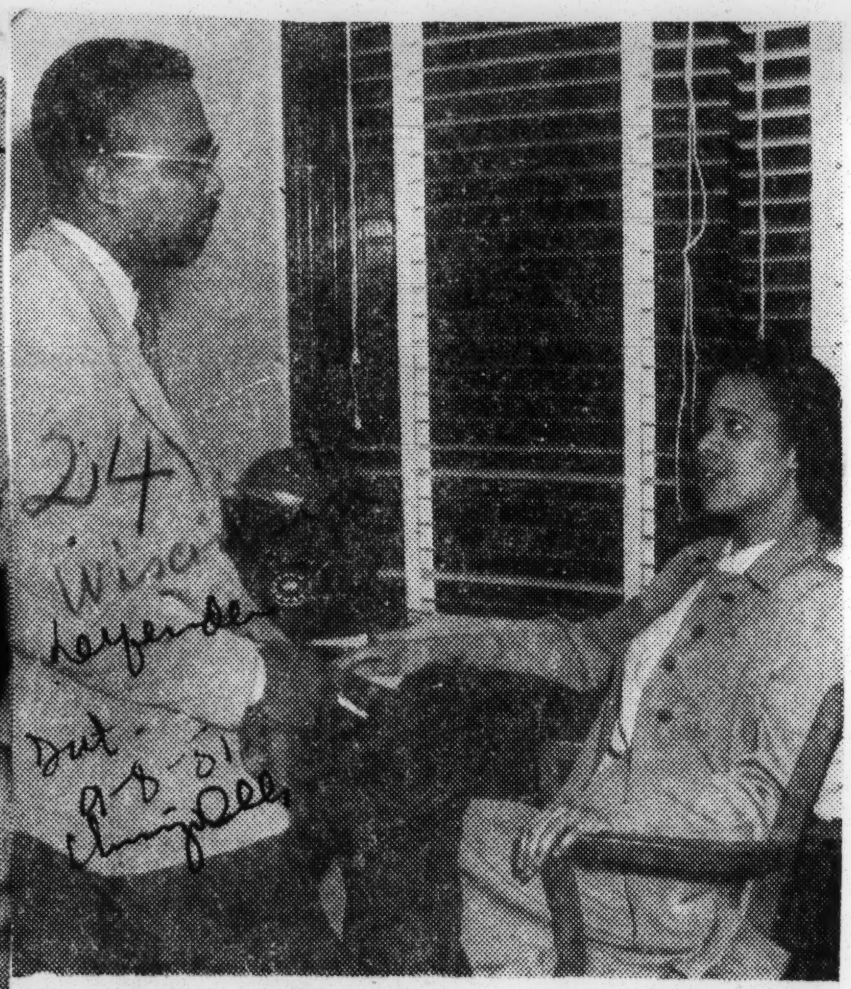
Despite all this and the fact that he is the only Negro holding such a position, he said, "I'm not a bit conceited at all. I try to get young people into it, too. I do it by hard work — it doesn't come natural," he said with a grin.

He once trained his memory to carry 13 or 14 different books and volume numbers so that he could get a stack of books for a judge without stopping to note the titles of each book individually.

He played tournament tennis until he was 55, and for seven years was Negro singles champion of West Virginia, and was director-

Husband-Wife Lawyer Team Congratulated

Mr. and Mrs. Dale Phillips receive congratulations from Judge Robert E. Tehan (left) after becoming the first husband-wife lawyer team to be admitted to practice in Federal Court in Milwaukee. oth Mr. and Mrs. Phillips are graduates of the University of Wisconsin. Mrs. Phillips was also graduated from Howard University. Theodore Coggs, attorney and Howard University and University of Wisconsin graduate, made the motion to admit the couple to practice. (Milwaukee Journal Photo)



MILWAUKEE'S UNIQUE law team is a striking example of man and wife carving out what promises to be a brilliant future. Mr. and Mrs. Dale Phillips were admitted to Federal court practice recently and opened offices for general practice at 707A W. Walnut st. Mrs. Phillips was first woman of her race to get a law degree from the University of Wisconsin, and was admitted to practice Aug. 1. Her husband, a former GI, is a product of the same law school and worked as an inspector in an auto factory until his wife completed her course.